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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Jeffrey S. Zweizig

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 December 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-117,119 and 121-161 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8,39-44,65-67,113-117,119 and 156-161 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9-38,45-64,68-112 and 121-154 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 November 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Election/Restrictions

1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Group I, claims 1-8, 39-44, 65-67, 113-117, 119, and 156-161 directed toward Fig. (5A-5C);

Group II, claims 1, 9-13, 35-38, 54-56, 71, 77 and 85-89 directed toward Fig. 15;

Group III, claims 1, 14-28, 77, 90-104, 131, 132, 143 and 144 directed toward the top of Fig. 6A;

Group IV, claims 1, 14, 29-31, 77, 90 and 105-107 directed toward the bottom of Fig. 6A;

Group V, claims 1, 32-34, 61-64, 77 and 108-112 directed toward Fig. 20;

Group VI, claims 48-50, 68-70, 121-123, 133-142 and 145-155 directed toward Fig. 6A;

Group VII, claims 57-60, directed toward Fig. 18A;

Group VIII, claims 45-47, 51-53, 73-84, 124-129, directed toward Fig. 23; and

Group IX, claim 130, directed toward Fig. 20-23.

Currently, no claims are generic.

Applicant has elected, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-8, 39-44, 65-67, 113-117, 119, and 156-161 directed toward Fig. (5A-5C). However, Applicant's arguments regarding the traverse appear to be directed toward a restriction requirement. This is an election of species requirement.

Drawings

2. Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 4A-4C should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g).

As Applicant has noted, Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 4A-4C are not described in the Background of the Invention. Such is not a prerequisite for Prior Art drawings. The figures are described from around page 8 to around page 18. The figures are described as circuits "in which various features of the present invention can be implemented". These circuits are not the invention. These circuits are merely existing circuits to which the invention CAN be applied. The inventive feature itself is not revealed until the description of Figs. 5A-5C. The disclosure does not indicate that there is anything novel or new about Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 4A-4C.

Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 9-38, 45-64, 68-112 and 121-154 are objected to as having been withdrawn from consideration.

Conclusion

4. Claims 1-8, 39-44, 65-67, 113-117, 119, and 156-161 appear to be allowable over the Prior Art of record.

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.


6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey S. Zweizig whose telephone number is (571)

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272-1758. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Wednesday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy P. Callahan can be reached on (571) 272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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